

# Second-year Transformational Experience Program

## Recent publications and Presentations

### STEP Refereed Journal Publications

- Van Jura, M., Halper, L., Lubinger, L., Kapusta, R., Black, C., & Whittington, M. S. (2024). Effects on students' holistic development through a comprehensive second-year program. *Journal of College Orientation, Transition, and Retention*, 31(2).  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/15210251221084622>
- Collins-Warfield, A., Niewoehner-Green, J., & Whittington, M. S. (2023). Springforward and STEP: Assessing the outcomes of a two-part academic success initiative. *Journal of College Orientation, Transition, and Retention*, 30(1).  
<https://doi.org/10.24926/jcotr.v30i1.4647>
- McDaniel, A.E., Halper, L.R., Van Jura, M., Fines, B., & Whittington, M.S. (2022). Increasing student retention rates through engagement in a comprehensive second-year program. *Journal of College Student Retention: Research, Theory & Practice*, 0(0).  
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### STEP Invited Book Chapters

- Isaacs, D., McDaniel, A., Adams-Gaston, J., & Whittington, M. S. (2020). OSU's Second-year Transformational Experience Program: Enriching students' lives in the modern land grant era. *The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Land-Grant Mission of The Ohio State University*. Gavazzi, S. M. & Staley, D. J. (Eds). Columbus, OH: University Press.

### STEP National Invited Presentations

- Halper, L., & Schultz, J. (2025, May). *Measuring post-graduation effects of high-impact practices through alumni data*. [Invited webinar]. NASPA.
- Tietje, C., Black, C., Schultz, J., Whittington, M. S. (2023, October). *Second-year Student Programming and Development*. [Webinar]. ACPA Commission on Student Involvement.

## STEP National Presentations

- Schultz, J. (2026, March). *Revising a comprehensive curriculum for second-year student success*. [Conference Session]. NASPA Annual Conference, Kansas City, MO.
- Schultz, J., & Tietje, C. (2025, November). *Revising a comprehensive curriculum for second-year student success*. [Conference Session]. Students in Transition Annual Conference (Virtual).
- Szezyller, E., & Schultz, J. (2025, February). *From data to action: Enhancing support for second-year students with a needs assessment*. [Conference session] OCPA Conference, Columbus, OH.
- Black, C., and Schultz, J. (2024, June). *Programming for Second-Year Students: Engaging and Supporting Underserved Populations in High Impact Practices*. [Conference Session]. NASPA Conferences on Student Success. Anaheim, CA.
- Schultz, J., and Regan, E. (2024, June). *Measuring Post-Graduation Effects of High Impact Practices through Alumni Data*. [Conference Session]. NASPA Conferences on Student Success. Anaheim, CA.
- Schultz, J., Tietje, C., Black, C., Whittington, M. S. (2024, March). *Supporting Second-Year Students through Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Partnerships*. [Conference Session]. ACPA Annual Convention. Chicago, IL.
- Van Jura, M., Halper, L.R., Lubinger, E.A., Kapusta, R., Black, C., & Whittington, M.S. (2022, March). *Second-year Student Programming: Comparing Outcome Variables Between Participants and Non-Participants*. [Conference Session]. ACPA Annual Convention, St. Louis, MO.
- Black, C., Greisberger, B., Kapusta, R., and Raines, B. (2022, March). *Leveraging Campus Partnerships to Promote Financial Wellness*. [Conference Session]. NASPA Annual Conference. Baltimore, MD.
- Fines, E., Tietje, C., Whittington, M. S. (2022, March). *Co-curricular Design for Second Years: A Deep Dive*. [Conference Session]. NASPA Annual Conference. Baltimore, MD.
- Fines, E., Black, C. (2022, March). *Using Assessment to Understand and Serve Diverse Populations at the Programmatic Level*. [Conference Session]. NASPA Annual Conference. Baltimore, MD.
- Whittington, M. S., Kapusta, R., Callahan, C. (2022, March). *Supporting Second-Year*

*Students on Regional Campuses Through Partnership and Collaboration*. [Conference Session]. NASPA Annual Conference. Baltimore, MD.

- Kapusta, R., Fines, E., & Whittington, M. S. (2022, March 22). *Second-year Student Programming and the Assessment Loop* [Conference Session]. NASPA Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD.

### **STEP International Presentations**

- Whittington, M. S., Black, C., Tietje, C., Kapusta, R., Zirkle, C. (2022). *Faculty Mentoring Students: Ohio State's Second-year Student Support in Action*. North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture. [Virtual Session].
- Zirkle, C. (2022). *Transforming the Student Experience: A Second-year Mentoring Program*. Pedaforum 2022: Days of Higher Education Pedagogy. [Conference Session]. Helsinki, Finland.

### **STEP National Blog Posts**

- Van Jura, M, & Whittington, M. S. (2023). *STEP's context, curriculum and assessment; 10 years of development*. ACPA Commission for Student Involvement. The Interchange.